The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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FROM THE EDITOR...

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Well folks, another month has come and gone…

At least the days are getting longer, and with that comes thoughts of…

FIELD DAY!!

Yeah, June is not that far off you know…

Make sure you check with Commander Bob for your field day assignments!

This field day will mark a special anniversary for your editor.

I got my Novice ticket in the mail (remember when you actually had to wait?) the day after field day in June 1987. Unless I miss my math, that means that field day this year will mark my 20th year as a licensed Amateur radio operator.

Many things have changed over those few years, but one thing still remains the same: Our members are the best! I have been a member or RCT off and on over those 20 years and RCT has also changed but usually for the better.

So, I'm starting to think about how I can mark this special anniversary.

Field Day with RCT?

A mini DX-pedition to a local park?

How about a BBQ with friends?

Aw, what the heck, maybe I can do all three!

A field Day BBQ, with RCT friends, in the local park (or usual field day local) sounds like just the thing1

Looking forward to seeing all of you there on FD 2007!

W7DK forty meter phone station at field day 2006. IC-706MK II G, LDG autotuner, Laptop with Acme interface and Acme forty meter wire yagi.
Big fun in the sun!

7 February, 2007

The 7 February 2007 board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President:	Randy Thompson AD7FF
Vice President:	Jill Palmer – K7JIL
Secretary:	Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer:	Pat Wingerter-- KD7TRC
Board Member	Gary McAdams – WG7X
Board Member	Peter Baker – AD7EU
Board Member	Nick Winter – K7MO
Board Member:	Alan Lentz – W7AML
Board Member	Bob Purdom KE7DGQ

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the 3 January, 2007 board meeting were approved as read/corrected.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reported the recent correspondence. *The recent correspondence log is attached to the original copy of the minutes*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter – KD7TRC provided the monthly financial report.

A copy of the Monthly financial statement is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Report: Rick KE7EMW who was unable to attend had forwarded a brief membership report: There are currently 217 members paid-up for the 2007 Club year, and 84 members have not yet responded to the membership mailing.

Hamfest: Linda Adams KE7FKX reported on the planning status for this year's Hamfest. Flyers should be out soon and will be made available for carrying to other Hamfests, and for the Mike and Key Hamfest. Our table is coordinated for the Mike and Key Hamfest on March 10th. Linda will have a sign up sheet at the next membership meeting for volunteers to serve at our table.

Planning: Larry KD4VOM reported that there is new discussion on the feasibility of a "Development" committee for the Club. Development committees are commonly used in commercial and non profit organizations to promote financial contributions. Expect the idea to be presented as a proposal at a future Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Planning Committee Standing Rules Amendment: Larry KD4VOM circulated the latest version of the Planning Committee Standing Rules Amendment. Motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment.

Property Inventory Team: Rich KR7W reported that work was proceeding and that he and Chuck AC7QN had been working on laying down a floor in the north side eaves for better and safer access to the storage area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer needed: Randy AC7FF reported that he had been asking for volunteers to step up to the Treasurer's position but so far no one has accepted the job.

Special Technician Class: Larry KD4VOM and John Clarke AC7WW reported for Steve AD7AB on the recent large Technician Class conducted in Puyallup. Steve had asked about Promotional Membership eligibility for these students. Considerable discussion followed, including a review of the Standing Rules language and requirements. Many felt that the requirements had not been met for Promotional Membership, and others were concerned that the Board had not known about the class until it was over. It was also pointed out that when the Standing Rules changes to the Promotional Membership criteria were established, that no one on the Board contemplated a class so large that it could not have been conducted at the Clubhouse.

The VE examinations that followed this special class were conducted using VE's from our club, Fort Lewis Amateur Radio Activity W7USA... John, AC7WW reported on the success rate of the class which was very good. 13 VE's administered the examinations;. There were 36 Attempts for Technician with 27 passing. 22 attempted the General Class element with two

passing. One candidate accomplished a paper upgrade to General. Only five did not earn a license.

Scholarships: Randy AD7FF had received an inquiry about our Scholarship program from a Melinda Harris, referred to us by John T. Robson Jr. We have no current Scholarship committee or chairman since Jerry W7BUN became a Silent Key. Larry KD4VOM is translating the scholarship application form and will distribute it for Board review and comment. The instructions however are still missing. A note was made to have Rick Rose KE7EMW send out a notice asking the membership for volunteers to take on the Scholarship program. It was also recommended we contact John Currie W7ARK to see if he might be interested in working with the Scholarship program.

Standing Rules annual review and recommendations: The Parliamentarian's recommendations for Standing Rule revisions were distributed for review and will be on the next Board meeting's agenda. In addition to the Pro Rata membership, Promotional Membership and Planning Committee changes which have already been approved by the Board, the following are pending: Documenting the Board position numbering scheme for keeping track in the database, the Board approved procedure for issuing laminated membership cards for lifetime and honorary members, and VE financial Account procedures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Olympia Club Visitation: Randy AD7FF reported that he had invited members of the Olympia Amateur Radio Club to attend our meeting on February 23rd. They are expecting around 15 to attend our meeting.

Western Washington DX Club: Nick Winter K7MO announced that he has been asked by Harry K7LAZ to present the 1955 Field Day video we saw at our last meeting to their club. The meeting will be at the Lake City Elks Club next Tuesday.

Marv Wheeler KG7V's Condition: Nick Winter K7MO reported that he had talked to Jean Wheeler WA7OII and that Marv is doing well following recent surgery at Madigan, and that she really wanted to thank Jill, K7JIL for the card she sent.

Wilma Churchill: Steve Blacksten reported that Al Churchill AC7BU's XYL is not doing well at all and is on oxygen.

Valentines Day Pot Luck: Jill K7JIL thanked Rich KR7W for getting the word out, and reminded folks of the coming Pot Luck this weekend at the Clubhouse at 6 pm.

Tacoma Ethnic Fest: Peter AD7EU announced that he has the application for this year's event. Is the Club interested in participating again this year? We have 'till around April to get our application in..

Discussion Topics:

Facilities Maintenance: Steve Blacksten KD7UBE presented a proposal to address the standing water problem in the Clubhouse basement. His proposal consisted constructing a trench and pipe arrangement to take the downspout water from the roof away from the building. Steve estimates the materials cost at around $150, and assumes the loan of a trenching machine. In the discussion that followed, several alternatives were tabled and discussed. More information is needed, and Bob Purdom KE7DGQ offered to do some research on the issue.

Clubhouse Telephone Service: Larry KD4VOM recommended putting a phone back in the Kitchen to make it easier to answer. Nick K7MO volunteered to do that.

Larry also raised questions about the voice mail we have and the discussion that followed touched on all the services the club is currently paying for and whether they were needed. It may be possible to reduce our annual telephone service costs. Larry KD4VOM volunteered to explore the options with Qwest and report back. Bob KE7DGQ has already offered an answering machine which can be installed at the clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

MINUTES
14 February, 2007

The 14 February 2007 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: AD7FF	Randy Thompson
Secretary: KD4VOM	Larry Watson --
Treasurer: KD7TRC	Pat Wingerter --
Board Member: W7AML	Alan Lentz –
Board Member KE7DGQ	Bob Purdom—
Board Member K7MO	Nick Winter –

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by President Randy Thompson AD7FF

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed, and guests welcomed

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

It was reported that Morel W6LIX, had been in the hospital and was now at home recovering.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: The correspondence consisted of the usual QSO cards, bank account statements and utility bills. *The correspondence log is attached to the original minutes.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter – KD7TRC

The Treasurer's report was made available for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reported that we have 217 current paid up members and 84 who have not yet responded to the annual membership renewal mailing. Rick also distributed membership payment receipts to paid members present.

Hamfest: Linda KE7FKX reports that Hamfest planning continues. The preliminary Hamfest Flyer is ready for the first distribution. Color copies will be next for the bulk mailing exercise. She is also soliciting members to assist with covering our table at the 10 March Mike and Key Hamfest at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. A sign up sheet is available, or contact Linda to let her know if you can serve.

PROGRAM: Nick Winter – K7MO presided over tonight's mixed bag, potpourri program which included a reprise of Rich Patrick KR7W's Straight-Key-Do-Over sessions along with expanded photographic coverage of the famous K7KPH station at Point Reyes, California which was among their CW contacts.

Also on the agenda were the recent legislative initiatives to pass laws restricting the use of communications equipment while driving. Intended primarily to stop cell phone abuse and distractions, some of these draft initiatives could be interpreted to include Amateur Radio Operators. The ARRL and many others are engaged developing responses to these proposals.

Here is a recent posting by Ed Bruette N7NVP

PROPOSED WASHINGTON STATE LAW SNARES HAM RADIO OPERATORS

A number of proposed laws have been introduced into the Washington
State Legislature that are designed to eliminate the hazard of
talking/texting on cell phones while driving. All of these proposals
are overly broad and could be interpreted to prohibit Amateur Radio
operation (voice and digital modes) by the driver of a moving motor
vehicle. The bill numbers are HB 1214, HB 1868and SB 5037. Links to
all of the bills can be found at;
http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/search.aspx?term=wireless&year=2007.

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The ARRL is recommending the best course of action is to establish a specific exemption for FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operators, and is providing assistance to any who want to write

their elected representatives or testify.

Bob Purdom KE7DGQ reports that he has already sent multiple letters to elected representatives and is planning on going to Olympia to testify at upcoming hearings where the Washington State bills are being addressed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Olympia ARC Visit: Randy AD7FF reminded us that a contingent from the Olympia Amateur Radio Club will be visiting us for the 28 February general meeting

Bethel High Donation Box: Steve Blacksten KD7UBE reminded all of the Cartridges for Kids recycle box that we have at meetings. The proceeds go to Bethel Jr. High. Steve had also brought along some of the 2 meter homebrew kits.

March 14th Program, ARES/RACES: Nick K7MO announced that Mark Yordy will be presenting the program for March 14th which will include one of the Pierce County mobile emergency operations communications vehicles.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Technician, General or Extra Manuals: Steve Morton AD7AB is getting ready to order manuals, contact him if you need a manual ordered.

Honda Power Generator: Diane Sim K7SIM has a 3000 watt generator for sale.

The Straight Key Puzzle: Rich Patrick KR7W distributed the Straight Key puzzle to attendees and 3x5 cards to record their guesses on which key belonged to which Ham.

Tuning and Traffic: Nick K7MO reminded folks that the ARRL International DX Contest – CW contest is this coming weekend.

Scarborough Reef: Nick K7MO announced that the rarest DX expedition location, Scarborough Reef (East of the Philippines in the South China Sea) has received permission and the team is getting ready to deploy and go on the air as BS&H in late April. Here's the website: http://www.BS7H.com. Nick K7MO also had some unbelievable photos of this tiny reef which pokes out of the South China Sea.

Photo from the 1997 DX Expedition…

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

W7DK PACKET SYSTEM NEWS

W7DK PACKET SYSTEM - 144.91 mhz - AX25 @ 1200 baud

Many services are available 24/7, including:

FBB BBS - Connect to DKBBS or W7DK (Send/receive personal messages & bulletins)

TELPAC NODE - Connect to W7DK-4 (Send Email via Winlink 2000)

URO Node - Connect to TAC or W7DK-5 (Local RF connectivity)

(X)net Node - Connect to RCT or W7DK-8 (Worldwide connectivity)

Pierce County DX Cluster Node - Connect to TAC or W7DK-5 and then type DXC

Worldwide Convers Node - Connect to TAC or W7DK-5 and then type CONVERS

All services listed above are also availalble via telnet (internet) at:

w7dk.dyndns.org, PORT 3694.

For information, see the W7DK web page or contact:

Gary E. Kohtala - K7EK
W7DK Packet System Administrator

Greetings from the Radio Club of Tacoma Planning Team. This is the second in a series of articles intended to keep the general membership appraised of the work the RCT Planning Team is doing.

The Planning Team is currently engaged in a wide array of activities and issues.

Resource Development: Now here's a term that is new to many of us, but in the commercial and especially non-profit world, it is a common activity. The purpose of a development committee is to "develop" financial resources for the organization. The planning team is currently exploring the possibilities of recommending the establishment of such a group for the Club. We are fortunate to have at least two club members with experience in raising funds and they have begun to explore how the Club might approach and benefit from some of the "development" techniques. Given the Club's recent history of spending more than it is earning, we think this is a project worthy of our effort. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

Emergency Operations: Virtually the entire Club's governing or "source" documents (The articles of incorporation and amendments; Bylaws and Standing Rules) address the club's participation and support of Emergency Operations. The Club itself in the past has been involved in many phases of Emergency Operations, for example, during World War II when Amateur Radio operations were closed, the Radio Club of Tacoma joined the Red Cross in its Civil Defense operations, setting up communications systems to support Civil Defense. In recent years there has been a major sea change in Emergency Operations and disaster response. Most recently the Hurricane Katrina experience surfaced major disconnects and failures at all levels of disaster response from local to National. While Amateur Radio operators have made significant and important contributions over the years and in the Katrina aftermath as well, the US Government has begun to address the system's failures and develop better and more coordinated ways to deal with the full spectrum of disasters and emergency situations. This ongoing process has significant impacts on the historic role of the Amateur Radio operator, (Including ARES and RACES operations) as well as a whole host of other government and non government operations.

The Planning Team, together with Club members with serious interests in emergency operations has initiated a process to gather information on the whole scope of the changes underway and discuss how the changes do and will affect the traditional roles of the Amateur Radio Operator. Our purpose is to provide current information on how the disaster and emergency operations have and will continue to change so that the Club and its members can make educated decisions about what the Club's role should be in this changing and more demanding environment.

Club Organization and Functions: The Planning Team continues to work on the Club's organization and functional structure. This is a long term process, but has short term needs. Our end goal is to arrange what the Club historically and currently is doing into a logical structure, and then to begin to define the roles and responsibilities of each of those "jobs". As you might expect, in an all volunteer organization the talents and engagement of it members is critical to "getting the job done". This and future articles we will list the strawman/draft of the jobs we have identified.

For now we would like to solicit some help in filling a few of the jobs that are vacant and need someone to step up and take on.

Treasurer:

This position is in need of someone with accounting experience and impeccable charac-

ter. It is one of the Club's most important and critical positions. If interested please contact the President, Randy Thompson AD7FF.

Public Relations (also known as Public Information):

Public relations is the way we keep the public at large as well as government organizations aware of our activities and the Club's contributions to the community. It is also a key way to promote Amateur Radio and attract new members.

In this case the ARRL has an absolutely outstanding support system which can make the job cookbook easy.

It does need someone capable of representing the Radio Club of Tacoma in the best possible light and able to work with community and government organizations to get the word out about the Club and Amateur Radio.

Public Service Coordinator:

In years past the Club has been very active in supporting community activities such as parade support, scouting,

Awards Program:

The Club conducts an Annual Awards Banquet in part to recognize the contributions of its members over the year. The Standing Rules define the Doc Spike Inspirational Award and a few others, but the Club is in need of an Awards Program manager. One who would expand the array of potential awards to allow us to better recognize the various areas where our members make significant contributions. The Awards Program needs expansion, documentation, and a process for soliciting, adjudicating and selecting nominees for recognition. Someone out there fits the bill here…

Facilities Management:

It should come as no surprise that our venerated 1905 Clubhouse is in dire need of maintenance and repair. The Club needs a Facilities Manager to help us inspect and identify needed work. Determining the resources needed and developing a plan to make the needed repairs has to be a priority action for us. The longer we wait, the more it will cost us to do.

Scholarship Program:

The Radio Club of Tacoma scholarship program too, is in need of a manager. Dedicated funds are in our kitty to be awarded to deserving students, but since Jerry Seligman W7BUN's passing, this program has been without a rudder. We have a couple of potential candidate students, but no one to step up and manage the program which would require extending applications,

processing them when returned and tracking the progress of our program. It might also include soliciting contributions to our dedicated and fenced Scholarship fund.

This is but a small sample of the Club's "jobs." There are many more vacant or dormant functions which we will explore in future articles

Like all Club functions, committees, projects and programs, the Planning Team meetings are open to all. Any active club member is welcome to attend and offer insight and input to the team as they tackle some of the Club's enduring issues.

We normally meet at the clubhouse the Thursdays following the Clubs regular membership meetings (2nd and 4th Wednesdays). We normally begin around 6:30 pm. Please check with one of our cadre if you plan to attend just in case we have adjusted our meeting date or time for some reason.

It is equally important to note that the Planning Team is not a decision making body. Those responsibilities rest squarely with your elected officers. Our job is to do the leg work, research, develop information and make recommendations to the Board and Officers for their consideration and action.

The team:

Larry Watson KD4VOM. Chairman

Al Burleson K7HW

Al Ferguson N7OMS

Rick Rose KE7EMW

Nick Winter K7MO

Paul LeBlanc K7AXJ

Comments and recommendations are welcome

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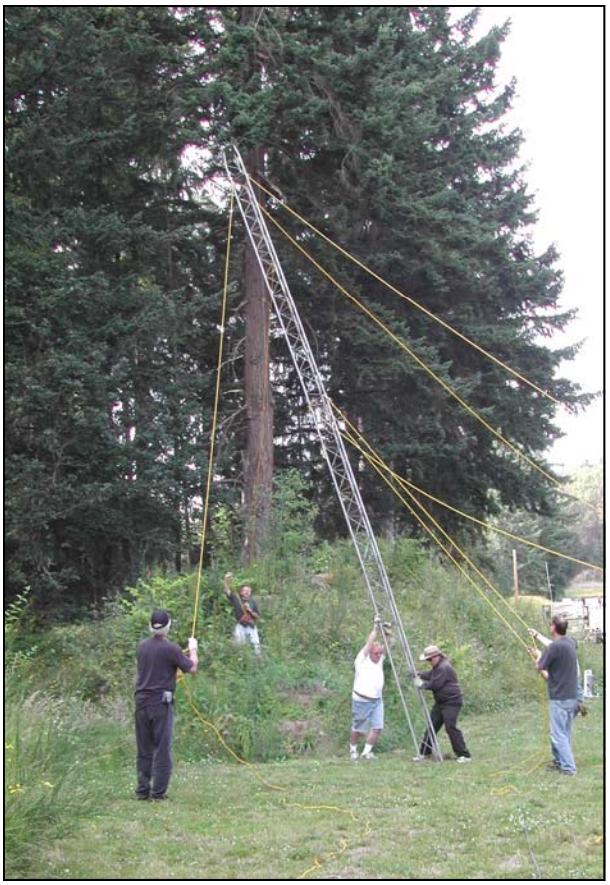

A nice scene from Field Day 2006. No, they did not drop the tower, although there were a few dicey moments. Pictured: Rich KR7W, Gary WG7X, Al N7OMS, Peter AD7EU, Chuck AC7QN and two unidentified folks.

Ask Radioman

Answers to your questions pertaining to Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio operation

Send your questions to: radioman@w7dk.org

Dear Radioman;

I've been a Technician class ham for about 5 years and mostly have operated on two meter repeaters. On February 23 I became a /AG ham operator. The other day I went on the air for the first time using HF. I listened to what I thought was a round table QSO and during a pause in their QSO I called out BREAK into my microphone.

One of the hams in the QSO said, "Go ahead breaking station". I paused and when I talked into my microphone I think I must have doubled with one of the other hams. So, again the another ham wanted to know who the breaking station was. After a pause I announced my call sign and I must have doubled with someone again. Then they acted like I wasn't there. I didn't dare break in again because I was embarrassed.

What is the correct procedure to break in? What did I do wrong?

Greg, KG1REG

Dear Greg,

I've heard this before while just casually listening to 75 meter phone QSOs. I have heard a couple /AG (a brand new General Class license who hasn't received their paperwork from the FCC yet) hams having the same problem breaking into a casual HF QSO or during a net roll call.

Radioman thinks that the problem is that you are waiting too long before you transmit. It could be that you are waiting for the 'courtesy tone' to come on to tell you to transmit. Most likely you are pausing because that is what you have been trained to do on the two meter repeaters you are so familiar with.

HF QSOs are usually not like that. There will be no courtesy tone and there is no need to pause for an important breaking station. With SSB, if someone has an emergency and wants to break in, it is easy to do simply by talking over who is currently talking. Talking over someone on two meter FM (your repeaters) cant be done due to the nature of how FM works. With FM, the receiver can only demodulate the loudest carrier, not two or more signals at a time like with SSB.

Greg, please take Radioman's advice and seize the moment and speak right up when it is your turn to talk. That is what almost everyone on HF SSB expects. After you get good at this then you will fit right in.

Regards – RM

Dear Radioman;

I accidentally reversed the Red and Black power leads to my newly purchased used Icom IC-718 High Frequency transceiver. I was using a marine battery until my newly purchased Astron RM-30 power supply arrives. The radio did not turn on and a burnt smell was emitted from the IC-718. I then reversed the Red and Black power leads to be correct and now the radio will not turn on. Is my radio salvageable and what can I do differently to make sure this does not happen again.

Jimmy, KJ4IMY

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Hello Jimmy;

It sounds to me that you did not have the Red and Black 13.8 Volt DC power leads fused. If there were 20 or 25 amp fuses in series with the power leads then the fuses would have blown to protect the radio's internal circuitry.

There are some high amperage "protection" diodes inside of your radio in the input power section that are connected in such a way that no current flows through them when the Red and Black leads are correctly. If the 12 Volt DC power input is reversed, then the diodes are 'forward biased' and they conduct. When the diodes are conducting they act almost like a dead short across the 12 DC input. If there are fuses in series with the DC input then the fuses will blow to protect your radio.

A ***simple*** Diode Protection Circuit is shown in **Diagram 1**.

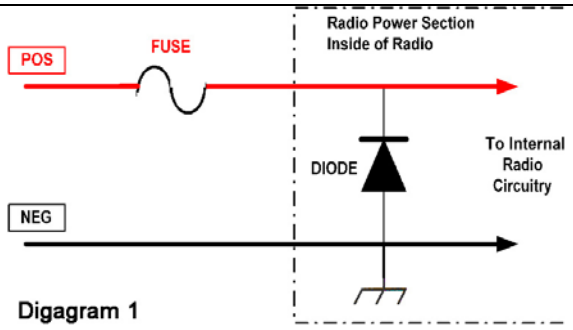
Radioman is not 100 percent sure, but he thinks that the protection diodes in the radio have blown up.

What could you do differently so this doesn't happen again?

1. Always use the correct size fuse(s) in series with your 13.8 VDC power leads. If your radio transceiver has power protection diodes then the fuses will blow if polarity is reversed.

2. Use some kind of DC power connector that will mechanically ensure that polarity can not be reversed. Radioman's favorite is **Anderson Power Pole** connectors. A lesser popular alternative **is trailer hitch power connectors**. Trailer hitch connectors are available at automotive stores. With either connector it is important to establish correct polarity connections from the beginning.

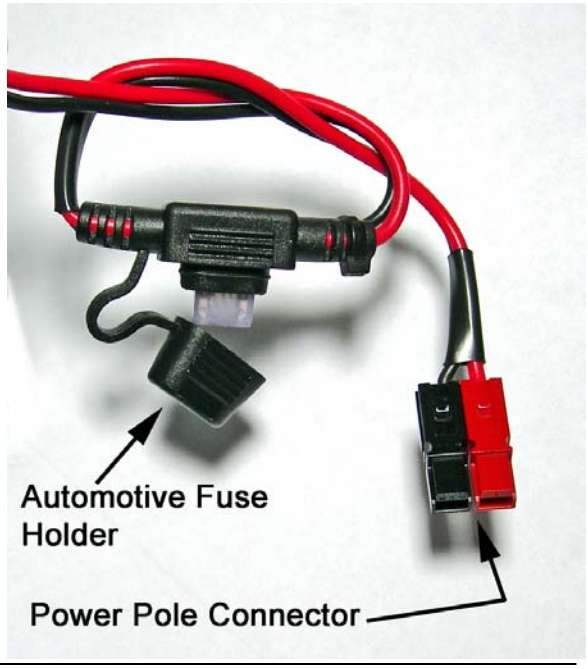
More on Anderson Power Poles: Radioman strongly suggests that all ham operators install Anderson connectors on all of their radio equipment that uses 13.8 VDC. The reason is that most emergency service organizations where ham operators volunteer (like ARES and RACES) have adopted this power connector as their universal standard. So if there is a big emergency then your radio could be plugged into an Anderson type power outlet strip and be on the air in short order.



Digagram 1

Radioman also suggests that all ham operators use one of the many Anderson type power outlet strips. In Radioman's shack, he uses a Rig Runner that connects the marine batteries, battery charger, the three rigs, and the antenna tuner all to the 13.8 VDC source. If one of these rigs is needed in the car then it is unplugged from the Rig Runner and the power cable plugs into the fused Anderson connectors stowed up under the dashboard of the car. Anderson connectors should be as universal as PL-259 coax connectors. Google: "Rig Runner" and you will find out all about it. See Photo of Fused Power Pole Connector.

Thanks for your question Jimmy. Icom will be happy to fix your radio. It should be a simple fix for them because this type of trouble happens quite often.
Regards – RM.



Who are these people, and what do they have in common? Check into the W7DK HF net on 28.375 MHz, Sunday evenings at 2000 local time and find out… as soon as your new HF privilege license arrives. You will get S-9+30dB copy on all that is going on

Extra, Extra! Read All About It! Peter Baker AD7EU Big winner!

Peter Baker, AD7EU, is the winner of the Guess the Ham's Key contest. Peter identified everyone's key correctly. There were some close to winning submissions but Peter scored 100 percent. Peter has declined the Buick as a prize

RCT March Birthdays!

DayName	Call	RCT Number	
5	Ray Carlson	**W7RDZ**	1739
5	Ron Lazarus	**KC7J**	2239
7	Steve Terjeson	**KC7AZW**	1687
8	Link Jackman	**N7CEO**	988
9	Al Williams	**K7PUC**	1845
10	Dick Ohls	**K7ITX**	546
10	John Perrizo		2285
11	Betty Weston	**KC7ACY**	1736
12	David Reed	**W7TAX**	775
14	Roy Ernsbarger	**KA7X**	851
15	Bob Heselberg	**K7MXE**	461
15	Joanne Souter	**WA4KZQ**	1925
16	Eric Langlow	**WA7GHE**	572
16	Jerry Cerny Jr	**W7JC**	1354
17	Frank Henshaw	**K7VMG**	2317
17	Jon Hamilton	**AD7AW**	2209
17	Patrick Kern	**K7IBC**	2219
19	Randy Thompson	**AD7FF**	2162
21	Al Carter	**K5EAF**	1321
24	Robert Nagley	**N7AHR**	1039
26	Chuck Kemmer	**AC7QN**	2088
26	Morel Guyot	**W6LIX**	1808
28	Raymond Miller Jr	**KC7VEP**	2066

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TO RCT MEMBER:

MARCH 2007 EVENTS

Club Meetings: Wednesdays March 14th and 28th at the library Administration building at 7:30 PM, 112th & Waller road. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting, Wednesday March 7th 7:30 PM at the. Clubhouse - All members welcome.

License Testing - Tuesday, March 13th 7:00 PM at the RCT clubhouse.

BARK deadline Saturday March 24th 2007- PLEASE get articles, columns, etc. in by that time!

- Support OUR club - Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer.
- Check in to the 2-meter Net every Tuesday night at 7:30, on 147.28. Hear additional information on programs and other events.
- Check in on the 10 Meter Net every Sunday evening, 8 PM, on 28.375 MHz USB